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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

PHOENIX MILL FARM

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER east side of Union Grove or Smouse's Mill Road, one mile
from intersection with Maryland Route 220.

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Dickens area east of Cumberland VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Maryland

24

Allegany

001

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

X NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

COMMERCIAL

PARK

EDUCATIONAL

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick W. Miltenberger

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2, Smouse's Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

X VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

AL-III-C-005

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house on Old Phoenix Mill Farm stands on the east side of Smouse's Mill Road about one mile from its intersection with Maryland Route 220 in the Dickens area of Allegany County.

Built circa 1845, it is a two and one-half story, brick structure showing Greek Revival style influences. It is laid in Flemish bond and has an A-roof and double internal end chimneys. There are also two internal chimneys between the fifth and sixth bays, perhaps indicating that the two easternmost bays are a later addition.

The principal (south) facade is of seven bays and has a two-story, three-bay porch with a pediment that was added in the first half of the twentieth century. There is a doorway in the center bay on both floors of the porch. Evidence shows that the eastern end bay of the first floor was originally a door. The principal windows have flat brick arches, narrow frames, and double-hung wooden sash with six-over-six lights. A small wing was added to the west end and the east end was repaired recently. The first floor front door has rectangular sidelights and a transom.

A late nineteenth-century photograph shows the house without the portico and its place is a one-story, three-bay porch with four plain, Doric-style columns across the front. The brick is not painted, there are shutters on all the windows, and the opening in the easternmost bay of the first floor is a door rather than a window.

The interior has a floor plan with center hall flanked by two rooms on each floor on both the first and second storys. The woodwork of the main portion, west side, is the typical Greek flat pilasters with pediments. The trim throughout the rest of the house is single-face architrave molding, about four or five inches wide.

Within the twenty acres of Phoenix Mill Farm nominated to the National Register is the site of Smouse Mill (see #8). The site is situated on the south side of Union Grove Road, 3/4 mile southeast of its intersection with Maryland Route 220. There are no remains aboveground at the site.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house on Phoenix Mill Farm is a circa 1845 Greek Revival building erected for John Jacob Smouse, who operated a mill (no longer standing) on the opposite side of the road. The house is characteristic of the Greek Revival domestic architecture that is commonly found throughout Western Maryland. Although the facade was altered with the present large porch, the interior retains much of its original decorative treatment.

The following history of this house and mill is excerpted from articles by Mrs. Helen Straw Hinkle, published in Heritage Press, Allegany County Maryland Yesterday and Today, Vol. I, No. 6 (April 1972), p. 7:

"In the early 1790's, Peter Smouse, son of John Smouse of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and his wife, Catherine Hickman, daughter of Conrad Hickman of Loudon County, Virginia, settled in Allegany County on Union Grove Road about five miles Northeast of Cumberland, Maryland. After the death of Peter Smouse, his son Henry, with wife Catherine Rice, reared their eleven children on this pioneer homestead. Their son, Henry Peter Smouse, born September 2, 1817 inherited the old original farm. On June 27, 1843, Henry Peter Smouse, called Peter, married Elizabeth Neff; and they, too, raised a family on the Mill Run Farm.

"The old house burned, and was replaced in about 1845 with a large dignified brick mansion, by John Jacob Smouse, Peter's brother. He constructed the house from bricks fired on the farm. Fireplaces and stoves supplied the heat. . . . There was a separate kitchen with a large brick hearth on the outside and a springhouse located underneath. . . . Peter Smouse had an ice house, or pit, where ice from the creek was stored for future use; . . . Water was piped from a running spring on the hill to the North into the house and springhouse.

"In addition to the Smouse Mill, the farm had its own blacksmith shop, shoe repair shop, carpenter shop and barns. In the smokehouse one would find smoked hams, pork and beef, raised on the farm. In the winter when the C & O Canal was frozen, Peter Smouse boarded the canal mules on his farm. A large building was constructed to accommodate 118 mules at one time.

"The Mill Run Farm, . . . , has the original woodwork, stairway, fireplaces and wide plank floors. The front porch was extended to the second

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Phoenix Mill Farm

Allegany County,

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Maryland

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

floor with large columns the full height of the house. The bricks have been painted white"

The mill which gave this farm and house its name, was located across the road from the circa 1845 house. It was a flour mill, but a small store was also operated on the site, selling staples from large barrels, such as sugar, vinegar, chewing tobacco, crackers, and cheese. Power was obtained from Evitt's Creek to move two large, overshot water wheels which operated the mill stone. In the 1890's this system was replaced by the roller process. The Smouses also deeded an acre of their land to the County School Commissioners in 1874 and John Jacob Smouse built a school on this land. The building was used as a school until 1902; it is now a private home (not within the boundaries of this nomination).

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,7 6,9,7 5,6,0 4,3 9,8 3,3,0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 1,7 6,9,7 9,4,0 4,3 9,7 7,7,0

B 1,7 6,9,7 8,6,0 4,3 9,8 2,5,0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D 1,7 6,9,7 4,0,0 4,3 9,7 6,7,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

njm

ORGANIZATION Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER Maryland Historical Trust

June 6, 1975

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN 21 State Circle

STATE

Annapolis

Maryland 21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

AT

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICEAL-III-005
AL-III-C-005
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Nat Register

8/12/77

1. NAME
COMMON:
Phoenix Mill Farm
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
East side of Union Grove Road or Smouse's Mill Road, 1 mile from
CITY OR TOWN: intersection with Maryland Route 220.
Dickens area east of Cumberland
STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Allegany

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick W. Miltenberger (Mary), & Mr. & Mrs. Richard W. Fagan
STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 2, Union Grove Road Smouse's Mill Road
CITY OR TOWN:
Cumberland 21502
STATE:
Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Allegany County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
30 Washington Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Cumberland
STATE:
Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 461-832

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
Maryland Historical Trust Inventory, No. A1-25
DATE OF SURVEY: 1970
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust
STREET AND NUMBER:
Shaw House, 21 State Circle
CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis 21404
STATE:
Maryland

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old Phoenix Mill Farm stands on the easterly side of Union Grove Road in the Dickens area in Allegany County.

The house is a circa 1845 Greek Revival brick structure, two and a half stories high, with a gable roof and double internal end chimneys and a two stories high porch (added later) with a pediment. The principal facade (south side) has seven bays with a center doorway on both floors of the porch. Evidence shows that the eastern end bay of the first floor was originally a door. The principal windows have flat brick arches, narrow frames, and double-hung wooden sashes with six-over-six lights. The west end had a small wing added recently. The east was repaired a couple of years ago. The first floor front door has rectangular sidelights and a transom.

The interior has a center hall, four-over-four arrangement of rooms. The woodwork of the main portions, west side, is the typical Greek flat pilasters with pediments. The trim throughout the rest of the house is of the entablature type, about four or five inches wide.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1845

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house on Old Phoenix Mill Farm is a circa 1845 Greek Revival house that was built for John Macab Smouse who operated the mill that stood opposite the road. The house is characteristic of the Greek Revival domestic architecture that is commonly found throughout western Maryland. Although the facade was altered with present large porch, the interior retains much of its original decorative treatment.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 "Smouse Family Wilson Academy." Heritage Press. Vol.
 I, No. 6 (April, 1972), 7.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds			
NW	° ' "	° ' "			
NE	° ' "	° ' "			
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10 acres (for NR)

Acreage Justification:

The property contains about 247.71 acres.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Sites Survey		DATE 6/6/75
ORGANIZATION <u>MHT</u> Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.		
STREET AND NUMBER <u>21 St Cir</u> Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Cumberland</u> <u>Annap</u>	STATE Maryland	<u>21401</u>

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

Addendum to AL-III-C-005 Phoenix Mill Farm

This addendum to the National Register of Historic Places Inventory-Nomination Form on file at the Maryland Historical Trust, completed in 1975, is based on correspondence with Jack Smouse in October 1990.

Historically, the farm has also been called Mill Run Farm (see Statement of Significance, paragraph 6).

John Jacob Smouse erected the house circa 1845.

The mill site is approximately 100 yards away from the farmhouse on the opposite side of Smouse's Mill Road.

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. _____ ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
	2. NAME <u>Mill Run Farm (Phewee Mill Farm)</u> DATE OR PERIOD _____ STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION	OPEN TO PUBLIC
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(25A.) Mill Run Farm

This is another old home built from native materials about 1850 by the prominent builder, John Smouse, for his brother, Peter. It is located on the Union Grove Road about five miles north of Cumberland. Like many homes on large estates of the period, the house was a neighborhood center and contained a store, gristmill, and Post Office for the surrounding country. During the winter months when the C. & O. Canal was not in full operation, some of its mules were stabled on the farm. The house is in a splendid state of preservation with original wide board floors and beautiful woodwork. The original fireplaces are still in use, and the extensive grading and landscaping give the home added beauty and charm. It is now owned by Dr. and Mrs. Albert Marsh.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE	Endangered	Interior	Exterior
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Source: Historic Landmarks in Allegany County; a staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Maryland, Jan. 1965



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

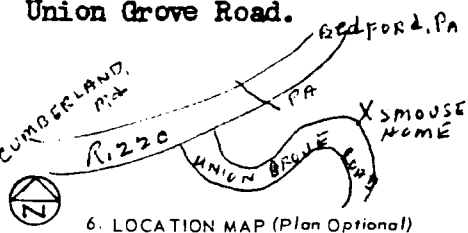
DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegheny TOWN Cumberland VICINITY (Pharm Hill Farm) STREET NO.		HIST AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY AL-25	
ORIGINAL OWNER Peter Smouse ORIGINAL USE House PRESENT OWNER Dr. Albert Marsh PRESENT USE Home WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick NO. OF STORIES 2 stories		2. NAME The Smouse Farm & Smouse Mill (Mill Run Farm) DATE OR PERIOD ca. 1845 STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER John Jacob Smouse	
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE			
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC No			
<p>This house was constructed of brick fired on the farm. John Jacob Smouse was born Nov. 20, 1819, son of Peter Smouse and Catherine Rice, in the original old house. His brother, Henry Peter Smouse, lived on the family farm. The old house burned and the present structure of brick was build by John Jacob Smouse for this brother. This large estate had, in addition to the blacksmith shop, shoe repair shop, carpenter shop, barns, a large gristmill, post office, and store. It was a shopping center for many miles around.</p> <p>The house has the original woodwork, and stairway. The old wide plank floor boards are still used, as well as, the original fireplaces.</p> <p>Among the outbuildings was a large stable that wintered the mules used on the C.&O. Canal. Mr. Mr. Windish tore the old mule shed down and used the lumber elsewhere on the farm. The old gristmill has been removed, but a trace of the mill race can still be found.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered No Interior Excellent Exterior Excellent			
<p>Located about five miles north of Cumberland, Maryland on the Union Grove Road.</p> 			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Interviews with Smouse Family Allegheny County Court Records Research compiled by Helen Straw Hinkle in 1961-1962		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Mrs. Helen Straw Hinkle (Mrs. Wm. E.) Box 228 Hinkle Road, Route 2 Cumberland, Maryland 21502 <i>Member of Maryland Historical Trust</i> DATE OF RECORD September 1970	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

THE SMOUSE FARM
(MILL RUN FARM)

Liber C Folio 169 - Deed recorded the 10th day of April 1800. This indenture made this 31st day of March in the year of our Lord 1800 between Thomas Beall of Samuel of Allegany Co., Md., of the one part and Peter Smouse of State of Maryland of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Thomas Beall of Samuel for and in consideration of the sum of 375 pds. current money of Maryland to him in hand confirm unto Peter Smouse and his heirs tract or parcel of land lying and being in Allegany County, Md., part of a tract of land called Oar Bank----- (to Pa. line and to tract called Big Bottom)...this tract containing 364 acres more or less. Witnessed: Will LaMarr and Hanson Briscoe.

Liber C Folio 465 - Indenture made 8th day of March in the year of our Lord 1802 between Thomas Beall of Samuel. Tract of land called Smith's Mistake ($12\frac{1}{2}$ acres); tract called Venture ($44\frac{1}{2}$ acres); tract called Addition to Venture ($22\frac{1}{4}$ acres) for the sum of \$386.50.

After the death of Peter Smouse, Henry, his son, occupied the pioneer homestead. Henry Smouse and his wife, Catherine Rice, were the parents of eleven children. Their son, Henry Peter Smouse born Sept. 2, 1817, inherited the old original farm. On June 27, 1843, Henry Peter Smouse, called Peter, married Elizabeth Neff and they raised their children on the Mill Run Farm. The old house burned and John Jacob Smouse, Peter's brother, replaced it with a large dignified brick mansion for him in about the year 1845.

The house was constructed of brick fired on the farm. There was a separate kitchen with a large brick hearth on the outside and a spring house located underneath. On descending the stairway from the kitchen, one would find crocks of milk, butter, and cream the year around because Peter Smouse did have an ice house, or pit, where ice from the creek was stored for future use, and it was remarkable how well it kept into the summer. In the smokehouse one would find smoked hams, pork, and beef raised on the farm. Fireplaces and stoves supplied the heat. Aside from the kitchen range, there were two small heating stoves in the two parlors and one large high stove in the double living room with the pipe running through the ceiling. In the sleeping quarters, this pipe was connected to a "drum" then on into the flue. This drum was about the size of a barrel, and would accomodate a three or four foot log put in from the top, and dropping down as it burned.

Water ~~for~~ for the house and the springhouse under the kitchen was piped from a running spring somewhere on the hill to the north, running from the cement basin, holding several gallons, to the trough from the trough to lower ground. The mill race within fifteen feet on the north side of the house added to its beauty.

In addition to the Smouse Mill, the farm had its own blacksmith shop, shoe repair shop, carpenter shop, and barns. A large building was constructed that housed as many as 118 mules at one time, Peter Smouse boarded the mules that pulled the canal boats in the winter when the water on the canal was frozen. The neighbors bought their staples from the store located on the farm, and received their mail at the Post Office.

The property was inherited by Charles A. Smouse, son of Peter and Elizabeth Neff Smouse. Mr. Albert Windish purchased the house and land from the Smouse family. Mrs. Windish sold it to Dr. and Mrs. Albert Marsh. It is now in the real estate ads priced at \$ 160,000.00.



In the early winter, after the first good snow fall, there was almost a parade of sleds taking wheat to the mill to be ground into flour. Just so much flour was exchanged for a certain amount of wheat, toll it was called. At the mill certain staples were sold, too, such as: syrup, vinegar, sugar, crackers, cheese, chewing tobacco and kerosene. All of these commodities were purchased by the barrel. For the liquids, customers were supposed to bring their containers. A good business was done with kerosene oil, as that was the principal lighting material in those days.

Delivery service was maintained to Centerville, Pa. and Flintstone, Maryland. A large two-horse wagon making these weekly trips with flour, mill and stock feed or any staples the customers ordered. In the winter, sleds were used instead of the heavy lumbering springless wagon.

Mr. Peter Smouse selected a picturesque hillside as the location of his home site and grist mill. A good head of water was obtained from Evitt's Creek, and the Bottle Run emptied into Evitt's Creek a half mile or so north of the Smouse Dam. The race brought the water from the creek down around the hill to the mill.

The Smouse Mill was powered by two massive overshot water wheels, near twenty feet in diameter. One wheel was used solely for the production of flour. It connected with a large mill stone that was about seven feet in diameter with a hole in the middle about a foot in diameter where the material to be ground entered; and, then as the grinding progressed, it gradually worked its way to the periphery and went down a small chute to the bin below. The fineness of the output was determined by inspection and changed by lowering or raising the stone.

The stones were connected to the water wheels by large iron gears or cogged wheels of the size to give the stones the proper speed. In about 1890, the antiquated method of making flour was replaced by the new roller process. This was much faster than the old way, and produced a better product, and did not require so much space in the making.

It was necessary to run the flour mill section at night to keep up with the demand with the old method; but with the installation of the rollers by the Beall Brothers, it was done in daylight hours. It was necessary for Will Smouse, son of Peter, to sleep in the mill office to check on the operation now and then at night.

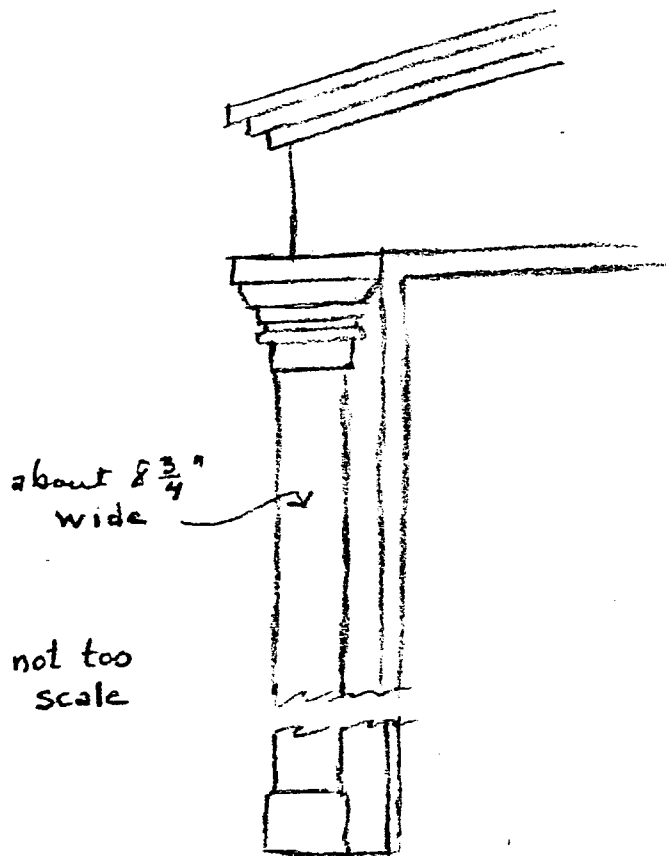
Will Smouse installed between the mill and the house a real telegraph line, complete with sending and receiving instruments at each end and operated with galvanic wet batteries and metal wires. He was called to his meals by code.

Helen Straw (Mrs. William E.) Hinkle

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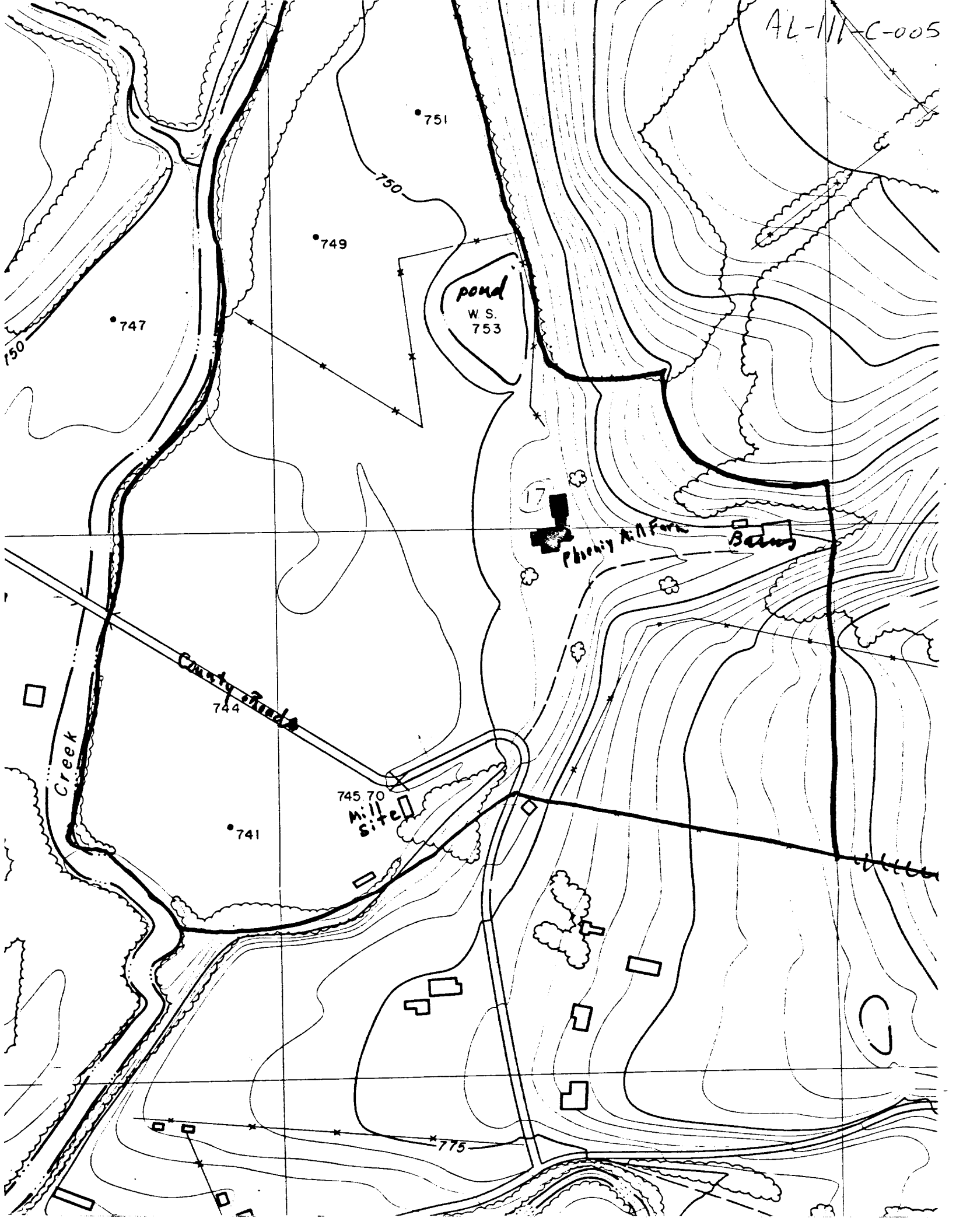
House on Old Phoenix
Mill Farm
Union Grove Road
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South Side

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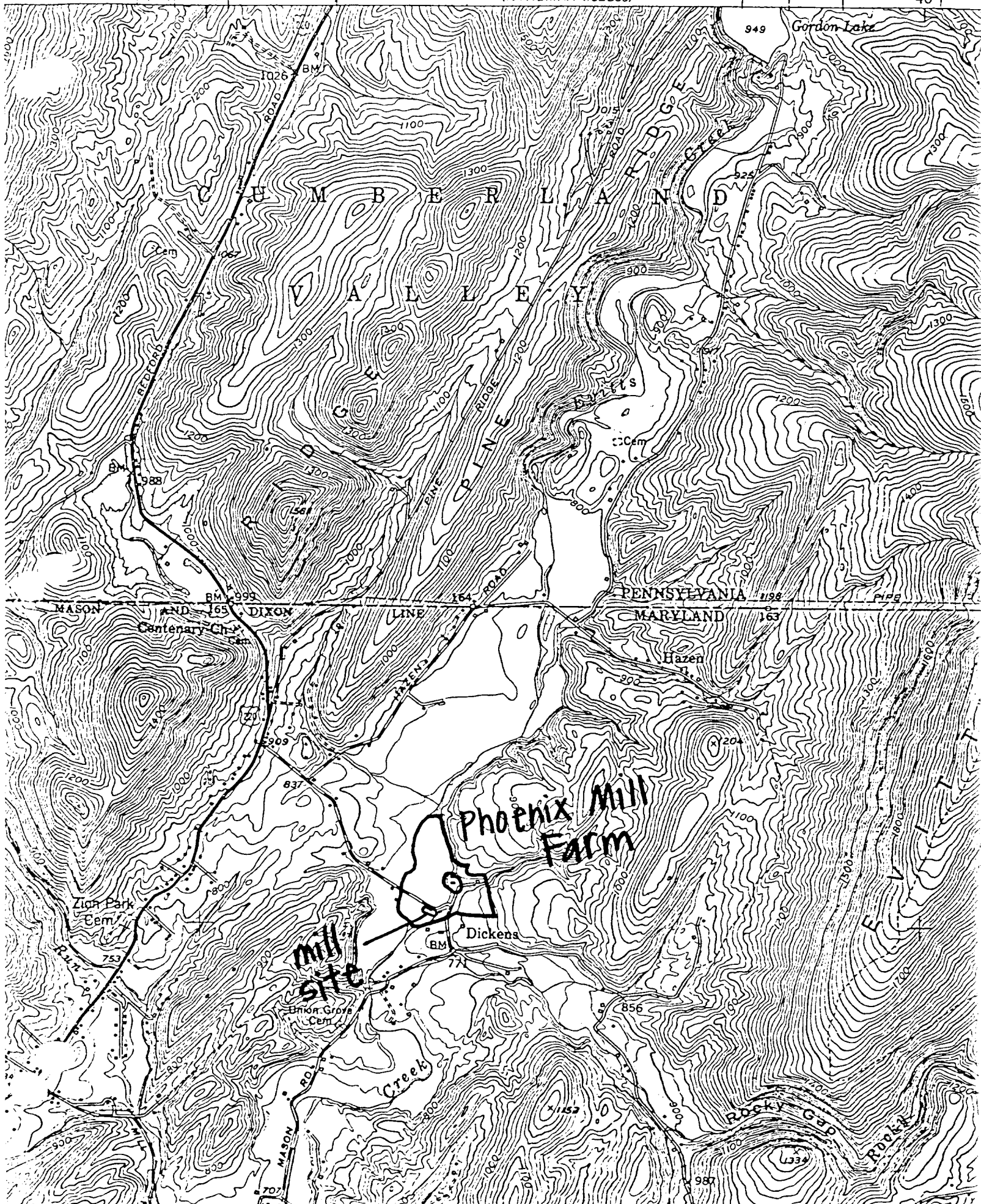
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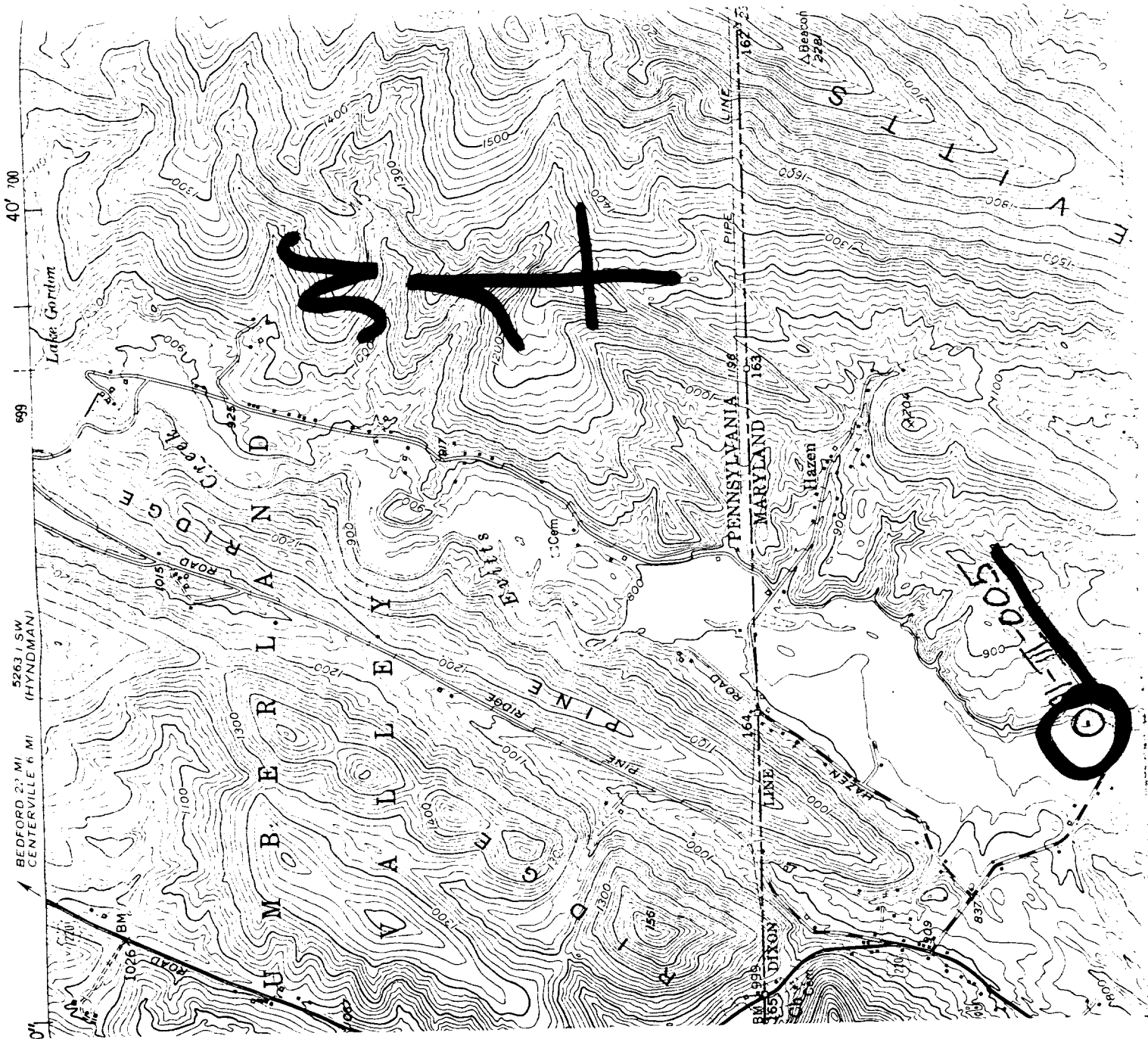
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1730000 FEET (PA.); 42'30"

BEDFORD 22 MI.
CENTERVILLE 6 MI. (HYNDMAN 1:62500)

40'





Evitts Creek, MD - PA - WV Quad
 U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute series
 1949
 scale 1:24000

Site #: A1-III-005
 Phoenix Mill Farm
 Union Grove Road
 Dickens area east of Cumberland



Old Phoenix Mill Farm
Union Grove Road
Allegheny Co., Md.
Lst view
April, 1975

SW

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negative good

RONALD L. ABE 1975



far Trust

Old Phoenix Mill Farm

Allegheny Co., Md.

date late 19th century

Source: Mrs Mary Miltenberger
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PHOENIX MILL

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MULE BARN

(torn down + reconstructed
as barn on farm complex)

- From collection of Mrs Mary
Miltnerberger.



Taken by Helen Straw Hinkle



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